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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ for interactive communications over a network among participants at a plurality of locations, the apparatus comprising:

a leader computer ~~a plurality of computers~~ operatively connected to the network;

a computer readable storage device accessible by the leader computer, the storage device including: each of said plurality of computers including means

computer instructions for receiving and displaying information from the network;

~~one of said plurality of computers being a leader having means~~

computer instructions for transmitting the information to ~~each of the other of said~~ a plurality of other computers over the network, wherein said other computers each generally simultaneously displays the ~~same-transmitted~~ information; ~~and said means~~ computer instructions for transmitting comprising a shared web browser to allow the leader to surf through the Internet and to cause said other computers to follow the leader through the Internet; and

computer instructions for receiving modified information from at least one of the other computers over the network, wherein said other computers and said leader computer each generally simultaneously display the modified information.

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2. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said ~~means~~ computer instructions for receiving and displaying information from the network comprises a web browser.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said ~~means~~ computer instructions for transmitting information to each of the other of said plurality from the one of said plurality of computers comprises a presenter interface, the presenter interface further comprising ~~means~~ computer instructions for communicating with each of the other of said plurality of computers and for causing information to be generally simultaneously displayed on said other computers.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a collaborative presentation among a plurality of participants situated at two or more locations, wherein each of said participants has a computer operatively connected to a computer network, the method comprising:

- a) providing a website on the computer network for said participants to obtain access to the collaborative presentation;
- b) sending a message to each of said plurality of participants, the message providing an identifier means for accessing the collaborative presentation;
- c) providing information to be displayed on each of said participants' computers during the collaborative presentation;

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- d) accessing the website according to the identifier means;
- e) initiating the collaborative presentation by ~~one~~ a leader of said plurality of participants presenting the information on the ~~one of said participant's computers~~ leaders computer, wherein the computer of each of the other of said plurality of participants generally simultaneously displays the presented information; and
- f) interactively modifying the presented information by one of the other of said plurality of participants, wherein the computer of each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the modified information, and
- fg) sharing a web browser of one of said plurality of participants with each of the other of said plurality of participants, so that the shared web browser causes the plurality of participants to collectively surf through the Internet.

6. (Original) The method of conducting a collaborative presentation among a plurality of participants as recited in claim 5, further including the step of initiating a telephone conference call while conducting the collaborative presentation.

7. (Original) The method of conducting a collaborative presentation among a plurality of participants as recited in claim 5, wherein said identifier means comprises one or more of a confirmation number, and a scheduled date and time for accessing the collaborative presentation.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a collaborative presentation among a plurality of participants situated at two or more locations, wherein each of said participants has a computer operatively connected to a computer network, the method

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comprising:

- a) providing a website on the computer network for said participants to obtain access to the collaborative presentation;
- b) providing information to be displayed on each of said participants' computers during the collaborative presentation;
- c) providing means for said participants to access the website;
- e) initiating the collaborative presentation by one of said plurality of participants presenting the information on the one of said participant's computers, wherein the computer of each of the other of said plurality of participants generally simultaneously displays the information; ~~and~~
- f) interactively modifying the presented information by one of the other of said plurality of participants, wherein the computer of each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the modified information; and
- fg) sharing a web browser of one of said plurality of participants with each of the other of said plurality of participants, so that the shared web browser causes the plurality of participants to collectively surf through the Internet.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a conference among a plurality of participants situated at two or more locations over a computer network, the method comprising:

- a) providing a website on the computer network;
- b) providing ~~means~~ computer instructions for said participants to access the website via a computer having a display;
- c) providing a shared browser interface for conducting the conference; ~~and~~
- d) operably connecting each said participants computers such that the display of

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each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the shared browser interface; and

e) providing a white board to allow each participant to change the display of the shared browser interface.

10. (Original) The method as recited in claim 9 further including the step of categorizing said participants into one of a presenter participant or an attendee participant, such that the presenter participants' computer controls each of said attendee participants computers via the browser interface.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for conducting a conference among a plurality of participants situated at two or more locations over a computer network, the apparatus comprising:

- a) a website having a server computer on the computer network;
- b) ~~means~~ computer instructions for said participants to access the website via a computer having a display;
- c) a shared browser interface for conducting the conference; ~~and~~
- d) ~~means~~ computer instructions for operably connecting each of said participants computers such that the display of each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the shared browser interface; and
- e) computer instructions for providing a white board to allow each participant to change the display of the shared browser interface.